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POLYMER FILM, POLARIZING FILM )  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING )  
THE SAME, POLARIZER, )  
BIREFRINGENCIAL FILM AND )  
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE )

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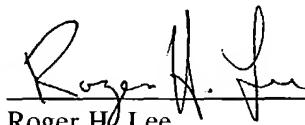
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